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A ROAD SONG

Up heart, away heart,
Never heed the weather;
Leave the lowland reaches
Where the grain's in seed;
Take the powerful wind in face,
All in highest feather,
Lift your burden with a shout,
Fit for every need!
Front the mountains, cross the passes,
Pioneer the sheer crevasses,
Where the glaciers breed,
Where the imminent avalanches
Tremble with their air-held motions,
Where below the balsam branches
Start the rills in the erosions,
Follow where they lead;
Where the sunlight ebbs in oceans
Cast away your load!
Life is not the goal,
It is the road.

DUNCAN CAMPBELL SCOTT.

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